

# Recognitions at December 2009 State Board Meeting

At the December 2009 monthly meeting, the State Board of Education recognized three board members whose terms are expiring at the end of the year:

- **Patsy Pye**

State Superintendent of Education Jim Rex (at right in photo) and State Board chair Tim Moore congratulate outgoing board member Patsy Pye, a Summerville resident who represented the First Judicial Circuit. Pye is coordinator of the Leadership Academy for Dorchester School District Two and has degrees from Charleston Southern University and The Citadel.

Pye is active in national and state professional associations and has been a National Distinguished Principal, Palmetto Finest winner and National School of Excellence winner. During her State Board tenure, Pye was chair of the Education Professions Committee and served as a member of the Policy and Legislative Committee.



- **Charles McKinney**

State Superintendent of Education Jim Rex and State Board chair Tim Moore congratulate outgoing board member Charles McKinney, a retired teacher, assistant superintendent and principal who represented the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

A Clinton resident, McKinney has degrees from Erskine College, Converse College and the University of Georgia. He's been active in various school volunteer and civic organizations.

McKinney retired from the SC Army National Guard and received the Order of the Palmetto in 1994. He served on the board's Standards, Learning and Accountability Committee.



- **Trip DuBard**

State Superintendent of Education Jim Rex and State Board chair Tim Moore congratulate outgoing board member Tri DuBard, who was accompanied by his daughter, Mary.

DuBard is a businessman who resides in Florence and represented the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. He's a graduate of Duke University and Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Active in local civic organizations, DuBard is a charter member and chairman of The School Foundation, a private endowment for Florence School



District One. He serves as executive director of the Palmetto Foundation, an organization that strengthens South Carolina's kids by harnessing the power of private charitable donations for K-12 public education statewide. During his time on the State Board, DuBard served on the Education Professions Committee.

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- **Mark Mitchell, Volunteer Trainer**

State Board member Cindy Clark (left in photo) and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Janice Poda congratulate Winthrop University professor Dr. Mark Mitchell for his volunteer service as a trainer in the award-winning “Stewards of Children” program developed by Darkness to Light, a national nonprofit headquartered in Charleston.

This initiative has provided training for thousands of state educators on how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to signs of child sexual abuse.

Mitchell works at Winthrop’s Center for Pedagogy that houses both the university’s Master of Arts in Teaching and the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership programs

